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1. AS WE DISCUSSED WITH WASHINGTON LAST EVENING I STRONGLY BELIEVE WE HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN THE PRESENT CRISIS. DESPITE THEIR PERSONAL LOSSES, THEY HAVE RESPONDED SELFLESSLY AND IN MANY CASES BRILLIANTLY TO THE NEEDS OF THE EMBASSY.

2. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED EIGHT OF OUR ROMANIAN COLLEAGUES WHOSE DWELLINGS HAVE SUFFERED SUCH SERIOUS DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE PRESENTLY UNINHABITABLE. FROM FIRST ASSESSMENTS SEVERAL OF THESE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO REOCCUPY THEIR LIVING QUARTERS.

3. IN THESE SAD CIRCUMSTANCES I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT I BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY TO OFFER AFFECTED EMPLOYEES BOTH SOME IMMEDIATE HELP AS WELL AS SOME LONGER-TERM AID. IN THE FIRST ASSISTANCE I WOULD LIKE AUTHORITY TO OFFER EMERGENCY GRANT AID FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING. WE HAVE OF COURSE, OPENED OUR HOMES AND APARTMENTS TO OUR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE SPACE FOR ANY PROTRACTED PERIOD FOR ALL OF THE HOMELESS
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AMERICANS AND ROMANIANS.

4. FOR THE LONGER TERM I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THEIR DAMAGED OR DESTROYED HOMES OR APARTMENTS. WHILE THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES OF ITS INTENTION TO DEAL URGENTLY WITH THE HOUSING PROBLEM, THE MAG-

NITUDE OF THE LOSSES SEEM BEYOND THE FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL
CAPABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO RECOVER EXCEPT OVER A PERIOD
OF YEARS.

5 . I AM SURE THAT I CAN COUNT ON THE SAME GENEROUS
RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR ROMANIAN EMPLOYEES THAT
WE ARE PRESENTLY EXTENDING TO THE APPEAL FROM THE
ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. THERE CAN BE NO MORE TANGIBLE
DEMONSTRATION OF OUR CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR
LOCAL EMPLOYEES THAN AID AT THIS TIME.
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